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Re: Petition of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Agreement with Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Home Telephone Company, Inc., PBT Telecom, Inc., and Hargray Telephone Company, Concerning Interconnection and Resale under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 Docket No. 2005-67-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter please find an original and ten (10) copies of a Joint Submission of Updated Unresolved Issues Matrix.

Please clock in a copy of the Matrix and return it with our courier.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Margaret M. Fox

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cc: Parties of Record

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION of

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-67-C

In Re: Petition of MCImetro Access Transmission

Services, LLC for Arbitration of Certain Terms

and Conditions of Proposed Agreement with

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Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Hargray Telephone Company, Home Telephone Company, Inc., and PBT Telecom, Inc. (the "RLECs") and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC ("MCI") respectfully and jointly submit the attached Unresolved Issues Matrix, which sets forth the issues and the parties' respective positions on the issues under the following headings:

Serving Customers Directly vs. Indirectly: Issue Nos. 6, 10(a), 15, 17

Regulatory Treatment of VoIP Service: Issue Nos. 7, 9, 11, 12

ISP-Bound Traffic/Virtual NXX: Issue Nos. 8, 10(b), 13

Reciprocal Compensation Rate: Issue No. 21

Calling Party Identification (CPN/JIP): Issue Nos. 3, 14, 16

Dispute Resolution/Continuation of Service: Issue No. 4

Indemnification and Limitation of Liability: Issue No. 5

Service Order Charges: Issue No. 20

Issue Nos. 1, 2, 18, and 19 have been resolved between the parties.

In addition to the Unresolved Issues Matrix, we have enclosed a Disputed Language Matrix for the Commission's convenience. The two matrixes are the same, except the first lists the parties' respective positions on each issue, and the second contains the parties' respective proposed contract language for each issue.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of June, 2005.

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Serving Customers Directly vs. Indirectly - (Issues 6, 10(a), 15, 17)

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| Should MCI have to provide service (a) only directly to end users and (b) only to End Users physically located in the same LATA to be covered by this agreement? | UNRESOLVED ISSUE Should End User Customer be defined as only the End User directly served by the Parties to the contract? |
| (a) No. End User Customers may also be indirectly served by the Parties through resale arrangements. The Act requires both Parties to the contract to allow resale. The same "directly or indirectly" language is used in section 2.22 of ITCs' model contract for defining interexchange customers. The ILECs thus do not attempt to limit the resale ability of IXCs, and there is no reason why they should try to do so regarding local exchange. | MCI POSITION No. End User Customers may be directly or indirectly served. The Act expressly permits either direct or indirect service. (See Issue 10(a)). |
| (a) For purposes of this agreement, yes. The traffic governed by this agreement is for telecommunications service provided by either Party to end user customers and not for service provided by MCI to a third party as a private carrier. | Yes. This agreement is limited in scope to the intraLATA traffic exchanged between customers directly served by one party and the customers directly served by the other party. Other carriers that provide local exchange services to customers and wish to exchange traffic with the RLECs must establish their own interconnection or traffic exchange agreements with the RLECs. |

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| of competition. | provided. That is antithetical to the goals | provided prior to the port has to be | same type of Telecommunications Service | And MCI knows no law requiring that the | 52.15(g)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules. | Services, Inc. (SBCIS) a waiver of section | February 1, 2005) granting SBC Internet | (Adopted: January 28, 2005 Released: | FCC's CC Docket 99-200 order | directly without state certification See the | service providers to obtain numbers | has even allowed IP-Enabled (VoIP) | telecommunications services. The FCC | entities MCI can provide wholesale | prior to the port is an illegal limit on what | telecommunications services provided | provide the same type | telecommunications carriers or must | some resellers may not be | directly are on its network. Concerns that | LNP for the End Users that indirectly or | definition of LNP. MCI is certified to do | No. This is not required for any industry | MCI PUSI HUN |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | regarding number portability. | RLEC obligations and the FCC's rules | proposed in the agreement is consistent with the | provider portability. The RLEC language | Yes. The current FCC rules require only service | SC RUDG FUSITION |

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II. Regulatory Treatment of VoIP Services - (Issues 7, 9, 11, 12)

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| Should the contract define <i>VoIP</i> and provide for special treatment of VoIP traffic? | UNRESOLVED ISSUE Does the contract need a definition of Internet Protocol Connection? |
| MCI is providing telecommunications services under this contract and plans to treat all but ISP traffic carried on its network the same way in terms of rating traffic based on the physical location of the end user. There is no need for the contract to describe how VoIP traffic will be or has been rated by the FCC. | No. MCI is proposing to eliminate the VoIP discussions in the interconnection attachment that references this definition developed by SC ITCs and not from any FCC order or industry standards document. |
| Yes. The interconnection agreement should define the term <i>VoIP</i> . With all of the regulatory uncertainties surrounding how VoIP will be regulated, it is necessary to make it clear how VoIP is defined and how VoIP will be treated in the context of this agreement. The RLECs do not agree with how MCI has worded the second part of this issue. The RLECs are not asking for "special treatment of VoIP traffic." The RLECs are attempting to make sure that both parties to this agreement are clear on how VoIP will be defined, how VoIP traffic will be exchanged between the parties, how the parties will determine the proper jurisdiction of VoIP calls, and how the parties will compensate each other for VoIP traffic. | Yes. This term is used in several different sections of the agreement. By clearly defining the term <i>Internet Protocol Connection</i> , it makes the use and meaning of this term in the agreement clear and unambiguous. MCI argues that this term is not needed because it is only used in sections of the agreement which it believes are also not necessary. |

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III. ISP-Bound Traffic / Virtual NXX - (Issues 8, 10(b), 13)

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| Should all intraLATA traffic be exchanged on a bill and keep basis or should reciprocal compensation apply when out of balance? | Should MCI have to provide service (a) only directly to end users and (b) only to End Users physically located in the same LATA to be covered by this agreement? |
| MCI believes reciprocal compensation rates should apply for ISP and non-ISP Local /EAS traffic if out of balance (60/40). MCI believes the recent CoreCom ruling allows it to seek reciprocal compensation for ISP traffic in new markets. | (b) No. ISP traffic is under the FCC's jurisdiction, and it never said its ISP recip compensation orders do not apply to FX traffic. FX/ISP provider customers do not have to be physically located in the LATA to be treated the same as voice traffic. The FCC has established a compensation regime for ISP traffic that does not require payment of access charges. |
| Compensation for IntraLATA Traffic should be in the form of the mutual exchange of services provided by the other Party with no per minute of use billing related to the exchange of such IntraLATA Traffic. From the beginning of negotiations, the RLECs proposed that there be no per minute of use billing for the exchange of IntraLATA Traffic under the agreement because MCI is a CLEC and can change business plans at any time in order to serve a certain sub-set of end users customers, and it can use regulatory arbitrage to its financial advantage. RLECs do not have this flexibility to choose certain customers, because they are carriers of last resort and have an obligation to provide basic local exchange service to all end user customers within their respective certificated service areas. | (b) For purposes of this agreement, yes. The physical location of the originating and terminating customer determines the jurisdiction of the call. This principle is consistent with the Commission's previous decisions in the US LEC and Adelphia Arbitration cases. |

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IV. Reciprocal Compensation Rate - (Issue 21)

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| | | | bound traffic? | Local/EAS or ISP- | for out-of-balance | compensation rate be | reciprocal | What should the | UNRESOLVED ISSUE |
| | | | | | | | CLEC reciprocal compensation rates. | This is the rate set in the FCC's order on | MCI POSITION |
| not ripe for arbitration. | has not been discussed in negotiations and is | even be reciprocal compensation. This issue | of the discussion surrounded if there should | appropriate reciprocal compensation rate. All | Parties never discussed what would be the | fact, during the entire course of negotiations the | need for a reciprocal compensation rate. In | As discussed in Issues 8 and 13, there is not a | SC RLEC POSITION |

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V. Calling Party Identification (CPN/JIP) - (Issues 3, 14, 16)

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| | Should Parties be required to provide (a) CPN and JIP and (b) and pay access charges on all unidentified traffic? | Should companies be required to provide JIP (Jurisdiction Information Parameter) information? | UNRESOLVED ISSUE |
| should be priced at same ratio as identified traffic. A price penalty should not be applied for something MCI does not control. MCI is open to audits and studies by either Party if one or the other thinks the 10% or more of traffic missing CPN information is an effort to avoid access charges. | MCI (a) is willing to provide CPN or JIP, but not both as the latter is an optional SS7 parameter. (No other ILEC has proposed that MCI must provide JIP) and (b) believes that all unidentified traffic | No. This is not a mandatory field. No other ILEC has asked that MCI provide this information, let alone on 90% of calls. The National Information Industry Forum is still working on rules for carriers choosing to populate this field for VOIP traffic and wireless carriers. The revised instructions for landline carriers was only released in December. MCI does not oppose putting "OR" as a condition of providing this or CPN on calls. But there is only a legal mandate to provide CPN currently. | MCI Position |
| of the traffic exchanged between them. | Yes. In order to properly identify the jurisdiction of the traffic exchanged between the parties, the parties should be required to provide CPN and JIP. The parties should have an incentive to properly identify the jurisdiction | Yes. RLECs should have the ability to determine the proper jurisdiction of the calls delivered to their switches. Jurisdiction Information Parameter (JIP) is one of the pieces of information that is available and technically feasible which supports the RLECs ability to establish the proper jurisdiction of calls terminating to their networks. The NIIF strongly recommends that JIP be populated for both wireline and wireless carriers where technologically possible. | SC RLEC POSITION |

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| parameters on all calls? | to provide the | Should Parties have | UNRESOLVED ISSUE |
| from others, but it cannot commit to more 90% CPN being provided. | above and JIP is not mandatory. MCI will agree not to alter parameters received | No. Percentages for CPN have been set | MCI POSITION |
| | in the signaling information whatever the | Yes. All signaling parameters are to be included | SC RLEC POSITION |

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VI. Dispute Resolution / Continuation of Service - (Issue 4)

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VII. Indemnification and Limitation of Liability - (Issue 5)

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VIII. Service Order Charges - (Issue 20)

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Serving Customers Directly vs. Indirectly - (Issues 6, 10(a), 15, 17)

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| and CLEC for the purpose of the exchange of IntraLATA Traffic that is originated by an End User Customer of one Party and is terminated to an End User Customer of the other Party. This Agreement also addresses Transit Traffic as described in Section 2.2 below. This Attachment describes the physical architecture for the interconnection of the Parties facilities and equipment for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service traffic between the respective End User Customers of the Parties pursuant to the Act. | This Interconnection Attachment sets forth specific terms and conditions for network interconnection arrangements between II FC | subscriber to Telephone Exchange Service provided directly <i>or indirectly</i> by either of the Parties. | MCI LANGUAGE A retail business or residential end-user |
| and CLEC for the purpose of the exchange of IntraLATA Traffic that is originated by an End User Customer of one Party and is terminated to an End User Customer of the other Party, where each Party directly provides Telephone Exchange Service to its End User Customers physically located in the LATA. This Agreement also addresses Transit Traffic as described in Section 2.2 below. This Attachment describes the physical architecture for the interconnection of the Parties facilities and equipment for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service traffic between the respective End User Customers of the Parties pursuant to the Act. | This Interconnection Attachment sets forth specific terms and conditions for network interconnection arrangements between II FC | subscriber to Telephone Exchange Service provided directly by either of the Parties. | SC RLEC LANGUAGE A retail business or residential end-user |

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| issue of providing service directly to end users also is debated elsewhere? | need this limit of "directly provided" when other provisions discuss transit traffic, and | Does the contract | ************************************** |
| | networks shall be provisioned as two-way interconnection trunks. The direct interconnection trunks shall meet the Telcordia BOC Notes on LEC Networks Practice No. SR-TSV-002275 | Dedicated facilities between the Parties' | |
| interconnection trunks shall meet the Telcordia BOC Notes on LEC Networks Practice No. SR-TSV-002275 | networks shall be provisioned as two-way interconnection trunks, and shall only carry IntraLATA traffic originated or terminated directly between each Parties End User Customers. The direct | Dedicated facilities between the Parties' | |

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| directly to End Users to port numbers? | UNRESOLVED ISSUE Should the Parties be |
| the FCC rules and regulations. Service provider portability is the ability of users of telecommunications services to retain, at the same location, existing telecommunications numbers without impairment of quality, reliability, or convenience when switching from one telecommunications carrier to another. The dial tone must be derived from a switching facility that denotes the switch is ready to receive dialed digits. | |
| the FCC rules and regulations. Service provider portability is the ability of users of telecommunications services to retain, at the same location, existing telecommunications numbers without impairment of quality, reliability, or convenience when switching from one telecommunications carrier to another. Under this arrangement, the new Telecommunications Service provider must directly provide Telephone Exchange Service or resell an end user local exchange service through a third party Telecommunications Service provider to the End User Customer porting the telephone number. The dial tone must be derived from a switching facility that denotes the switch is ready to receive dialed digits. In order for a port request to be valid, the End User Customer must retain their original number and be served directly by the same type of Telecommunications Service subscribed to prior to the port. | The Parties will offer service provider local |

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H. Regulatory Treatment of VoIP Services - (Issues 7, 9, 11, 12)

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| Should the contract define VoIP and provide for special treatment of VoIP traffic? | UNRESOLVED ISSUE Does the contract need a definition of Internet Protocol Connection? |
| (Include no VoIP definition) | MCI LANGUAGE (Delete definition of Internet Protocol Connection) |
| VOIP OR IP-ENABLED TRAFFIC. VoIP means any IP-enabled, real-time, multidirectional voice call, including, but not limited to, service that mimics traditional telephony. IP-Enabled Voice Traffic includes: Voice traffic originating on Internet Protocol Connection (IPC), and which terminates on the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN); and Voice traffic originated on the PSTN, and which terminates on IPC; and Voice traffic originating on the PSTN, which is transported through an IPC, and which ultimately, terminates on the PSTN. | INTERNET PROTOCOL CONNECTION (IPC). The IPC is the connection between the ISP and the customer where end user information is originated or terminated utilizing internet protocol. |

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| | UNRESOLVED ISSUE Should references to VoIP traffic be included in the contract? |
| arrangement for purposes of providing mainly Telecommunications Services and that any provision of Information Service by CLEC will be incidental to CLEC's provision of Telecommunications Services. | ILEC has no obligation to establish interconnection service arrangements to enable CLEC to solely provide Information Services. CLEC agrees that it is requesting and will use this |
| mainly Telecommunications Services and that any provision of Information Service by CLEC (including VoIP Services) will be incidental to CLEC's provision of Telecommunications Services. The classification of certain forms of VoIP (as defined in this Agreement) as either Telecommunications Service or Information Service has yet to be determined by the FCC. Accordingly, ILEC has no obligation to establish an interconnection service arrangement for CLEC that primarily is for the provision of VoIP. | ILEC has no obligation to establish interconnection service arrangements to enable CLEC to solely provide Information Services. CLEC agrees that it is requesting and will use this arrangement for purposes of providing |

| where the call enters the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN). In addition, the FCC has ruled that phone-to-phone calls that only utilize IP as transport are Telecommunication Services. Jurisdiction of such calls shall be based on the physical location of the calling and called End User Customer. Signaling information associated with IP-Enabled Voice Traffic must comply with Sections 3.5 and 3.6 of this Interconnection Attachment | this Agreement, is determined by the physical location of the End User Customer originating VoIP Traffic, which is the geographical location of the actual Internet Protocol Connection (IPC), not the location | MCI LANGUAGE SC RLEC LANGUAGE |
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| | language treating VoIP differently than other non- ISP-bound traffic? | UNRESOLVED ISSUE |
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III. ISP-Bound Traffic / Virtual NXX - (Issues 8, 10(b), 13)

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| a bill and keep basis or should reciprocal compensation apply when out of balance? | Should all intraLATA traffic be exchanged on | UNRESOLVED ISSUE |
| this Agreement. Both Parties agree that compensation for intraLATA Traffic shall be in the form of the mutual exchange of services provided by the other Party with no additional billing if the traffic exchange is in balance. Iraffic is considered out-of-balance when one Party eterminates more than 60 percent of total Local/EAS traffic exchanged between the Parties. The Parties also agree that the compensation for ISP-bound traffic when out of balance is governed by the FCC's orders on compensation for ISP-bound traffic, specifically (1) the so-call ISP Remand Order. Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-bound traffic, Docket No. 99-68, Order on Remand and Report and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 9151 (2001)] and (2) the modifications to that order made in the FCC's decision on Core Communications' forbearance request (Petition of Core Communications' forbearance request (Petition of Core Communications' forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. Paragraph 161 (c) from Application of the ISP Remand Order, WC Docket No. 03-171, released October 18, 2004). Traffic studies may be requested by either party to determine whether traffic is out of balance. Such traffic studies will not be performed more than four times annually. Should a traffic study indicate that Local/EASISP-bound traffic exchanged is out-of-balance, either Party may notify the other Party that mutual compensation between the Parties will commence in the following month. The Parties agree that charges for termination of Local/EAS and ISP-bound in the Pricing Attachment. | The Parties agree to only route IntraLATA Traffic over the dedicated facilities between their networks. InterLATA Traffic shall be routed in accordance with Telcordia Traffic Routing Administration instruction and is not a provision of | MCILANGUAGE |
| InterLATA Traffic shall be routed in accordance with Telcordia Traffic Routing Administration instruction and is not a provision of this Agreement. Both Parties agree that compensation for IntraLATA Traffic shall be in the form of the mutual exchange of services provided by the other Party with no additional billing related to exchange of such traffic issued by either Party except as otherwise provided in this Agreement. | The Parties agree to only route IntraLATA Traffic over the dedicated facilities between their networks. | SC RLEC LANGUAGE |

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IV. Reciprocal Compensation Rate - (Issue 21)

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| for out-of-balance Local/EAS or ISP- bound traffic? | compensation rate be | reciprocal | What should the | UNRESOLVED ISSUE |
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V. Calling Party Identification (CPN/JIP) - (Issues 3, 14, 16)

| accounting records made within each Party's network. The records shall contain the information to properly assess the jurisdiction of the call including ANI or service provider information necessary to identify the originating signaling information. The Parties shall each use commercially reasonable efforts, to provide these records made within each Party's accounting records made within each Party's network. The records shall contain the information to properly assess the jurisdiction of the call including ANI or service provider information necessary to identify the originating company, including originating signaling information. The shall each use commercially reasonable efforts, to provide these records made within each Party's network. The records shall contain the information to properly assess the jurisdiction of the call including ANI or service provider information necessary to identify the originating signaling information. The shall each use commercially reasonable efforts, to provide these records made within each Party's network. The records shall contain the information to properly assess the jurisdiction of the call including ANI or service provider information necessary to identify the originating signaling information. The shall each use commercially reasonable |
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| | required to provide (a) CPN and JIP and (b) and pay access charges on all unidentified traffic? | UNRESOLVED ISSUE Should Parties be |
| or JIP (valid originating information) will be handled in the following manner. All unidentified traffic will be treated as having the same jurisdictional ratio as the ninety (90%) of identified traffic. The Parties will coordinate and exchange data as necessary to determine the cause of the CPN or JIP failure and to assist its correction. | CPN (valid originating information) <u>or</u> Jurisdiction Information Parameter ("JIP") on at least ninety percent (90%) of its total originating INTRALATA Traffic, then traffic sent to the other Party without CPN | MCI LANGUAGE If either Party fails to provide accurate |
| (valid originating information) will be handled in the following manner. The remaining ten percent (10%) of unidentified traffic will be treated as having the same jurisdictional ratio as the ninety (90%) of identified traffic. If the unidentified traffic exceeds ten percent (10%) of the total traffic, all the unidentified traffic shall be billed at a rate equal to ILEC's applicable access charges. The originating Party will provide to the other Party, upon request, information to demonstrate that Party's portion of traffic without CPN or JIP traffic does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total traffic delivered. The Parties will coordinate and exchange data as necessary to determine the cause of the CPN or JIP failure and to assist its correction. | (valid originating information) and Jurisdiction I Information Parameter ("JIP") on at least ninety percent (90%) of its total originating INTRALATA Traffic, then traffic sent to the other Party without CPN or JIP | SC RLEC LANGUAGE If either Party fails to provide accurate CPN |

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| | specified signaling parameters on all calls? | 3.6 Should Parties have |
| each Party to issue bills in an accurate and timely fashion. All Common Channel Signaling (CCS) signaling parameters will be <i>passed along as received</i> , including CPN, JIP, Originating Line, Calling party category, Charge Number, etc. All privacy indicators will be honored | proper signaling information (e.g. originating accurate Calling Party Number and destination called party number, etc.) | Signaling Parameters: ILEC and CLEC |
| nd /ill ty ucy | signaling information (e.g. originating ber accurate Calling Party Number, JIP , and destination called party number, etc.) pursuant 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601, to enable each Party to | are |

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VI. Dispute Resolution / Continuation of Service - (Issue 4)

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| required to keep providing service to one another during dispute resolution over payment for service? | §# UNRESOLVED ISSUE 13 3 1 Should parties be |
| Continuous Service. The Parties shall continue providing services to each other during the pendency of any dispute resolution procedure and the Parties shall continue to perform their payment obligations including making payments in accordance with this Agreement. | MCI LANGUAGE |
| providing service. The Parties shall continue providing services to each other during the pendency of any dispute resolution procedure (other than a dispute related to payment for service), and the Parties shall continue to perform their payment obligations including making payments in accordance with this Agreement. | SC RLEC LANGUAGE |

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VII. Indemnification and Limitation of Liability - (Issue 5)

| | | | | | liability to each other be limited, and should they indemnify each other for certain claims? | 1ssue Sec. §# UNRESOLVED ISSUE 5 GT&C 22.2- Should the parties' |
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| | | | | | | MCI LANGUAGE MCI proposes deletion of all of sections 22.2-22.4. |
| 22.2.2 The Indemnified Party will notify the Indemnifying Party promptly in writing of any claims, lawsuits, or demands by customers or other third parties for which the Indennified Party alleges that the | Notwithstanding this indemnification provision or any other provision in the Agreement, neither Party, nor its parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants, or employees, shall be liable to the other for Consequential Damages as defined in Section 22.3.3 of this Agreement. | (3) claims for infringement of patents arising from combining the Indemnified Party's facilities or services with, or the using of the Indemnified Party's services or facilities in connection with, facilities of the Indemnifying Party. | (2) claims for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright arising from the material transmitted over the Indemnified Party's facilities arising from the Indemnifying Party's own communications or the communications of such Indemnifying Party's customers; and | (1) damage to tangible personal property or for personal injury proximately caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnifying Party, its employees, agents or contractors; | 22.2.1 Each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify and hold harmless the other Party ("Indemnified Party") from and against loss, cost, claim liability, damage, and expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) to customers and other third parties for: | SC RLEC LANGUAGE 22.2 Indemnification |

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| 22.3.2 Except as otherwise provided in Section 22, no Party shall be liable to the other Party for any loss, defect or equipment failure caused by the conduct of the first | 22.3.1 No liability shall attach to either Party, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers, directors, or partners for damages arising from errors, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, or delays in the course of establishing, furnishing, rearranging, moving, terminating, changing, or providing or failing to provide services or facilities (including the obtaining or furnishing of information with respect thereof or with respect to users of the services or facilities) in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct. | 22.3 Limitation of Liability | (3) The Parties will cooperate in every reasonable manner with the defense or settlement of any claim, demand, or lawsuit. | (2) In the event the Party otherwise entitled to indemnification from the other elects to decline such indemnification, then the Party making such an election may, at its own expense, assume defense and settlement of the claim, lawsuit or demand. | (1) In the event the Indemnifying Party does not promptly assume or diligently pursue the defense of the tendered action, then the Indemnified Party may proceed to defend or settle said action and the Indemnifying Party shall hold harmless the Indemnified Party from any loss, cost liability, damage and expense. | SC RLEC LANGUAGE Indemnifying Party is responsible under this Section, and, if requested by the Indemnifying Party, will tender the defense of such claim, lawsuit or demand. |

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| Neither Party shall have any obligation to defend, indemnify or hold harmless, or acquire any license or right for the benefit of, or owe any other obligation or have any liability to, the other based on or arising from any claim, demand, or proceeding by any third party alleging or asserting that the use of any circuit, apparatus, or system, or the use of any software, or the performance of any service or method, or the provision or use of any facilities by either Party under this Agreement constitutes direct or contributory infringement, or misuse or misappropriation of any patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, or any other proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party. | Intellectual Property | 22.3.3 In no event shall either Party have any liability whatsoever to the other Party for any indirect, special, consequential, incidental or punitive damages, including but not limited to loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted or done hereunder (collectively, "Consequential Damages"), even if the other Party has been advised of the possibility of such damages. | SCRLEC LANGUAGE Party, its agents, servants, contractors or others acting in aid or concert with that Party, except in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct. |
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VIII. Service Order Charges - (Issue 20)

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